Graded Project

Decorating a Living Room

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OVERVIEW

Congratulations! You've completed all of the coursework for your Interior Decorator program. Now it's time to put into practice all of the principles you've been studying throughout your program.

This project requires you to develop a decorating plan for a living room, either your own or someone else's. You must then submit to us specific information regarding the plan, along with paint chips, fabric swatches, and photographs. You don't have to physically complete the decorating job, although you certainly may if you wish to. You must only come up with a decorating plan. Your completed project should be similar to a presentation that you would make to a client for his or her approval.

For the project, you must complete a series of forms specifically prepared for this project. You can access the Graded Project Forms on the "My Courses" page of the student Web site. The link to the forms is associated with the graded project booklet, *Decorating a Living Room.*

When you complete your project, you'll submit it to Penn Foster for evaluation and grading.

This booklet includes detailed instructions on how to complete and submit your project. Follow them carefully, and have fun with your first decorating project.

COLOR SAMPLER

At various points throughout your program, we've encouraged you to gradually develop your own color sampler. Now, as you work on this project, is the time to either begin your

sampler or add to it. Two good places to start are Lowe's and The Home Depot. Both of these stores have huge selections of paint samples, along with other areas related to the field of interior decorating.

Also visit furniture stores and study their displays and upholstery samples. Visit paint stores, carpet stores, and window treatment centers. Walk through the home decorating area of large fabric stores. Often these stores have samples of fabrics already cut and ready for the taking.

The more exposure you give yourself to these opportunities, the more ideas and samples you'll gather. These ideas should help with this graded project and with preparing you for your first real job.

PROJECT INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these instructions carefully. When you complete the project, submit it for evaluation.

Form 1: Before Photos of Living Room

Make sure that the photos you submit are clear.

Begin by choosing the living room that you want to decorate. You may decorate your own living room, or you may offer your services to a friend or relative. Once you've found the room, complete these steps:

1. Take photos of all four walls of the room you're decorating: north, south, east, and west.
    a. If you take digital photos (the preferred method), submit them on a CD in JPEG format. Clearly name each photo: for example, "Form 1: North Wall Before Decorating." (On Form 1, simply indicate that you've submitted digital photos.)
    b. If you submit printed photos, mount them in the appropriate places on Form 1.
2. In the space provided on page 3 of Form 1, describe each wall and explain any problem areas in the room. Your answers can be either typed or neatly handwritten.

Form 2: Floor Plan of Existing Living Room

Use the graph paper in Form 2 to develop the floor plan of the *existing* living room. On the graph, use the scale 1 square = 1 foot. Include the following information:

1. Exact measurements of the room in feet and inches
2. Direction in which doors open
3. Location and size of windows
4. Notation of any fixed objects like fireplaces and built-ins
5. Placement of existing furniture (Be sure the furniture on your floor plan is in the same scale as the drawing of the room. Use your template to draw the furniture directly on the floor plan, or draw it on a separate sheet of paper and paste the cutouts on the plan.)
6. Identification of each piece of furniture (for example, sofa, chair, end table, television, and so on)
7. Location of electrical outlets
8. Existing traffic patterns

Form 3: Family Membership and Room Activities Profiles

To help you understand the people who use the room you're decorating, complete pages 1 and 2 of Form 3, which include a "Family Membership and Personal Characteristics Profile" and a "Room-by-Room Activities Profile" for a living room. Then, answer the questions on page 3 of Form 3.

Form 4: Project Sheets

Before you can complete the sheets in Form 4, you must develop the color scheme, the window treatments, and floor plans.

1. On page 1 of Form 4, include a swatch of the fabric or fabrics you've chosen for the window treatments.
2. On page 2, include swatches of the fabrics you've chosen for the upholstery and for accent pieces like pillows. Indicate the piece of furniture on which you'll use each fabric.

3. On page 3, include paint samples for walls, woodwork, and any other items to be painted.
4. Finally, on page 4, provide samples of the flooring material or carpeting you've chosen for the living room.

Form 5: Floor Plan of Finished Room

On Form 5, provide a second scale drawing of the living room floor, this time indicating the placement of the new furniture pieces. Again, you can either draw the furniture pieces directly on the graph paper, or you can draw them on a separate sheet of paper and paste the individual pieces on the scale drawing. Be sure to include the traffic patterns.

Form 6: Window Treatment

On page 1 of Form 6, provide a sketch or photo of the window treatment you'll be using. On page 2, point out the advantages of this treatment, and explain why you've chosen the treatment. Type or neatly handwrite your answer.

Form 7: Elevations

Form 7 provides a sheet for each of the four walls in your room. If you physically complete this decorating plan, provide "after" photos of each wall. Otherwise, prepare a scaled elevation of each wall. (Pages 77–80 in *Walls* explains how to draw scaled elevations.) Your drawings should reflect what the newly redecorated room is going to look like when it's finished. In the space provided below each photo or drawing, explain what you've changed or added and why you made the change or addition.

SUBMITTING YOUR PROJECT

When you finish the work on your project, check it over carefully. Make sure everything is neat and in order. Be certain that you've completed each page in Forms 1–7.

When you're satisfied with your work, remove the Answer Sheet from the back of this booklet and fill in the required information. Put the Answer Sheet and all of your work* in the envelope provided. Affix the mailing label to your envelope, and send it in for evaluation.

If you misplace the mailing label, print your name, complete mailing address, student number, and exam number in the return address of the envelope. Mail your project to

Penn Foster
Student Service Center
925 Oak Street
Scranton, PA 18515

*If you're submitting digital photos, don't forget to include your CD in the envelope.

Hints for Completing Your Project

- Complete every page of Forms 1–7.
- Provide actual samples of the fabrics you plan to use for upholstery, accents, draperies, and paint colors for the walls and other painted items. Do *not* use samples or photos from magazines and catalogs. You can obtain paint samples from home improvement centers. Many fabric stores will provide you with samples of home decorating fabrics.
- If possible, provide samples of the carpeting or flooring you've chosen. If you can't get such samples, provide photos of what you would like to use.
- Prepare a decorating plan for a *living room.* We won't accept a plan for any other room.
- Take actual photos of the room before you begin your plan. If you physically complete your plan, provide actual photos of the finished room on Form 7. Otherwise, draw scaled elevations of each of the four walls.

NOTES

ANSWER SHEET

FOR YOUR INSTRUCTOR'S USE	
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Interior Decorator

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Please include this answer sheet with your graded. This answer sheet will be used by your instructor to evaluate your decorating plan. Your project will be graded on the following items:

Form 1 (15 points)	_____
Form 2 (15 points)	_____
Form 3 (10 points)	_____
Form 4 (20 points)	_____
Form 5 (15 points)	_____
Form 6 (10 points)	_____
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